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Dear EPA,

This stretch of river is too important for too many people not to get it back to a healthy state. Who knows how many Portlanders have already suffered illnesses due to exposure to toxic chemicals along the Willamette? It is the responsibility of those businesses (including their offspring businesses) that prospered while using our river as a free dump, to pay now and clean it up completely, not just part-way. Oregonians deserve to be able to safely enjoy recreation activities and fish we catch in our river.

I am a member of Audubon Society of Portland and agree with the following concerns and recommendations about the draft Willamette River Superfund Cleanup Plan.

The draft cleanup plan leaves far too much of the river contaminated for generations to come. We recommend that at least 1,000 acres of polluted sediment be removed from the river.

The draft cleanup plan relies too much on "monitored natural recovery," a "do nothing" strategy that leaves pollution in the river in the hopes that it will either be covered over or flushed downstream.

The cleanup plan must result in the removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that eating fish from the Lower Willamette is just as safe as eating fish from anywhere else in the Willamette River system and this must occur within a 10-20 year time frame.

Creating a toxic waste disposal dump in our river is not acceptable—toxic dredged sediments must be taken to an appropriate landfill.

Entities with liability for the pollution must be held accountable and pay for a comprehensive cleanup that will protect the health of our communities, our environment and our wildlife.

Thank you